

your mind as you spend all this time here and then when you go back home next year.

Welcome, and God bless you all. Thank you.

NOTE: The President spoke at 2:21 p.m. in the East Room at the White House. In his remarks, he referred to Secretary of State for Defense Malcolm Rifkind of the United Kingdom.

Statement on Budget Rescission Legislation

July 21, 1995

The rescission bill that the Senate approved, and that I will be pleased to sign, shows how we can work together to produce good legislation.

From the start of this rescission process, I agreed with Congress on the need to cut spending. The question was, how should we do it?

I vetoed the original rescission bill because it would have cut spending the wrong way, by targeting education and training, environmental protection, and other key national priorities. I then worked with Republicans and Democrats alike to produce a better bill. I am pleased that this bill cuts \$16 billion in spending while protecting our key investments in education and training, the environment, and other priorities.

Like the earlier version, this bill also provides much-needed supplemental funds that I have sought for disaster relief activities of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the Federal responses to the bombing in Oklahoma City, increased antiterrorism efforts, and debt relief to Jordan to facilitate progress toward a Middle East peace settlement.

To be sure, I do not support every provision of this bill. For instance, I still do not believe that this bill should contain any of the provisions relating to timber. But the final bill does contain changes in the language that preserve our ability to implement the current forest plans and their standards, and to protect other resources such as clean water and fisheries. Therefore, after signing the rescission bill into law, I will direct the Secretary of Agriculture, the Secretary of the Interior, and all other Federal agencies to

carry out timber salvage activities consistent with the spirit and intent of our forest plans and all existing environmental laws.

I am pleased that bipartisan leaders of Congress worked with me to produce a good bill. Working together, we can continue to produce good legislation for the American people.

Proclamation 6811—Parents' Day, 1995

July 21, 1995

By the President of the United States of America

A Proclamation

Parenthood is among the most difficult and most rewarding responsibilities in life. Balancing countless demands, parents must be firm yet loving, protective yet liberating. They are the nurturers of our dreams and the soothers of our fears. They instill in their children, by word and example, the importance of family and community involvement, the value of education and hard work.

Parenting is a serious responsibility. All parents have an obligation to provide for the children they bring into the world. Parents must teach and sustain, helping to empower each new generation to meet the challenges and opportunities of life with confidence.

Today, across our country, parents give their time and energy to ensure a better future for their children. Teaching the lessons of honesty and caring in a way that no school or government can, America's parents pass on the spirit, values, and traditions that have made our Nation strong for more than two centuries. Whether stepparents or foster parents, biological or adoptive, parents provide the security, stability, and love that enable children to grow up healthy, happy, and strong.

Parents' Day is a welcome opportunity to celebrate the special and powerful bond between parent and child. On this occasion, let us remember and pay respect to those who give us the daily support and loving guidance that lead us to become responsible and contributing citizens.

Now, Therefore, I, William J. Clinton,
President of the United States of America,

in accordance with Public Law 103-362, do hereby proclaim Sunday, July 23, 1995, as "Parents' Day." I invite the States, communities, and the people of the United States to observe this day with appropriate ceremonies and activities expressing gratitude and abiding affection for parents.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand this twenty-first day of July, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and ninety-five, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and twentieth.

William J. Clinton

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NOTE: This proclamation will be published in the *Federal Register* on July 26.

Digest of Other White House Announcements

The following list includes the President's public schedule and other items of general interest announced by the Office of the Press Secretary and not included elsewhere in this issue.

July 18

In the morning, the President met with senior foreign policy advisers to discuss the situation in Bosnia and with Members of Congress to discuss affirmative action.

In the evening, the President met with David Daliberti, an American who had been imprisoned in Iraq after crossing the Iraqi border on March 13. He and Hillary Clinton then hosted a picnic for members of the press on the South Lawn.

The President announced his intention to nominate John A. Knubel to be Chief Financial Officer of the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

The President announced his intention to appoint William F. McSweeney to the Board of Trustees of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, Smithsonian Institution.

July 19

In the morning, the President had telephone conversations with President Jacques Chirac of France and Prime Minister John Major of the United Kingdom.

In the afternoon, the President met with Members of Congress to discuss the situation in Bosnia.

The President announced his intention to appoint Harriett M. Wieder to the Council of the Administrative Conference of the United States.

The President announced his intention to appoint Steven M. Eidelman; John F. Kennedy, Jr.; Barbara Yoshioka Wheeler; and Sheryl White-Scott to the President's Committee on Mental Retardation.

July 20

The White House announced that the President will attend World War II 50th anniversary commemorations in Honolulu, HI, on September 1-3.

The President announced his intention to reappoint Barry M. Goldwater to the U.S. Air Force Academy Board of Visitors.

July 21

The President announced his intention to nominate James A. Joseph as Ambassador to South Africa.

The President announced his intention to nominate Hal C. DeCell III to be Assistant Secretary for Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations at the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

The President announced his intention to nominate Paul M. Homan as Special Trustee for American Indians at the Department of the Interior.

The White House announced that the President made available \$100 million in emergency home energy assistance to States that have experienced extremely hot weather.

Nominations Submitted to the Senate

The following list does not include promotions of members of the Uniformed Services, nominations